HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1046 By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Doyle L. Walters on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Walters is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-five years as General Manager of the Johnson City Power Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 28, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the son of Reverend Randell and Margaret Walter, Doyle Walters studied Business Management and graduated from East Tennessee State University in 1972; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure at the Johnson City Power Board, Mr. Walters has served in various capacities, including Night Watchman, positions in Bookkeeping, Computer Programming, Supervisor of General Accounting, and Manager of Customer Service; he has served as General Manager since 1997; and

WHEREAS, joining with the ranks of the brave men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting this great Nation and its citizens, Mr. Walters served in the United States Army Signal Corps from 1972 until 1975; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community and his profession, Mr.

Walters has participated in numerous worthy organizations, including United Way, the Johnson City-Jonesborough-Washington County Chamber of Commerce, the Johnson City-Jonesborough-Washington County Economic Development Board, Sullivan County Economic Development Board, ETSU Foundation, and ETSU Pirate Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters also contributes his time and numerous talents to his church,
Cherry Grove Baptist, where he serves as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Director,
member of various committees, and serves as lay minister; and

WHEREAS, honored by Milligan College for his exemplary dedication to his church and community, Mr. Walters received the 2003 Leader in Christian Spirit Award; and

WHEREAS, his personal and professional achievements aside, Mr. Walters is most grateful for the loving companionship he shares with his wife, the former Vickie Leonard, their son, Allan Walters, and his wife, Kathy, and their daughter, Cindy Stout, and her husband, B.J.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Doyle Walters has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Doyle L. Walters on his thirty-five years of astute service to the people of Johnson City and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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